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Food Policy Advisory Board Thursday, July 5th, 2018, 8:30AM – 10:30 AM Sustainacenter -

> 704 E Boulder St, Colorado Springs CO, 80903

8:30AM: Call to Order

- Individuals present: Megan Androzzi, Sean Svette, Carly Hoff, Beth Anderson, Julie Slivka, Zac Chapman, Ellen Johnson-Fay, Jill Gaebler, Sabrina Cotta, Aubrey Day
- Excused- Erika Lijistrand

8:35AM: Public Comment/Board Member Comment

• *Intro of all members*

8:45AM: Public Edible Landscapes/Current Spraying of parks and open spaces:

- o Review past month's work Zac/Sean
 - Sean- Conversation with Pikes Peak Urban Garden- fruiting perennials managed similar to Community Garden. Parks has some space to pilot fruiting perennials
 - Zac-Community Fruit Rescue in Boulder- Fiscally sponsored by 350.org. Mobile App and web app called Falling Fruit- map that tags edible plants. Zac has been adding locations for the Springs. Volunteers do the gleaning as needed depending on crop. Work with City and County to try to incorporate more into public landscapes.
 - Funding discussion- donations/grants
 - Meadows Park community center area a possibility
 - Need a recognition program- by Office of Innovation & Sustainability
 - Need criteria/ submission process
 - Need carrot- advertising
- Steps moving forward –Action Items
 - Someone from Parks come speak about spraying- reasoning and options August meeting
 - Individual on fruiting plant care- drought resistant
 - Multi-year project- purchase older trees/ young trees/ raspberry bushes/thyme/oregano/sage
 - Continue working on pollinators as well
 - Sabrina and Julie will set up a meeting with Parks to discuss idea.
 - Julie will speak with Brian at Meadows

- *Spring time frame for actually putting plants in the ground.*
- O Do we need to address current issues with spraying prior to moving forward with edible landscapes? (Megan Review Information)
 - Noxious weeds prioritized by State for elimination
 - Budget an issue when determining mitigation options
 - Spraying has been an issue- not enough public outreach/ questions about what is being used for spraying?
 - List of chemicals concerning
 - *Is the correct signage being used with spraying?*
 - County park-Bear Creek Park an option? Aubrey will reach out to County on current status of fruit trees.

9:45AM: PlanCOS – Updates from attended meetings?

• Draft is on website for feedback- various members will attend meetings throughout City

10:00AM: Administration – Do we need to add an additional meeting during the month? Restrictions on communication, how can we overcome this obstacle but maintain the rules/bylaws of the city/county board?

• Funded position options- County Health Update by Aubrey- shared position between City and County. Grant funding 20/20 available.

10:15AM: Board members – Resignations and new postings for positions

- Need Vice President: Sean Svette- Unanimously passes
- Need to fill on voting positon and two alternates

10:20AM: Final Public Comment/Board Member Comments

Action Items assigned/reviewed

- Ellen- how can the local food coalition (280 potential volunteers) be involved. Need specific requests for action. Difficult to get to website.
- Aubrey- Code scrub- January for final project

10:30AM: Adjournment – Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2nd, 2018 (8:30AM)

- Parks request- present on spraying for weeds- Sabrina to request of Parks
- Fruit tree care-Sean/Megan to get presenters